

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/NL2004/000494

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	US 5 031 749 A (MCCOY JOHN W) 16 July 1991 (1991-07-16) figures 1,5A -----	

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: **26**
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 26

Rule 6.2(a) PCT

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